

COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Kremmen Bomb RangeEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 24 February to 24 April 1953DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 19 June 1953REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - sketch on dittoREMARKS

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1. Activities observed at the Kremmen bomb range from 24 February through 24 April 1953 included:

24 February. About 11 a.m., four single-engine planes approached the range and attacked ground targets with their weapons after piercing the clouds. The planes then climbed above the clouds and left the range. The same maneuver was observed between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

26 February. Il-10s flying in groups of two made low-level attack runs against ground targets. Weather was fair.

10 March. At 10:30 a.m., three flights of planes approached the bomb range at an altitude of 1,500 to 2,000 meters. After flying a circle over the range the individual planes attacked ground targets in a low-level run, each plane releasing one bomb. After dropping their bombs the planes again assembled into flight formation and practiced air-to-ground firing after coming down in a glide as far as 100 meters above ground. Firing from aircraft weapons was observed from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. After dark, individual planes approached the range at an altitude of about 500 meters and dropped one bomb each from an altitude of about 200 meters.

12 March. Bomb release and air-to-ground firing was practiced in the morning. Weather was fair.

14 March. Bomb release and air-to-ground firing was observed in fair weather.

16 March. Il-10s flying individually, in groups of two and three, repeatedly attacked ground targets with their aircraft weapons.

17 March. Bomb release, firing with aircraft weapons and rockets was observed throughout the day.

18 March. From 10:45 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., bomb release was practiced.

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24 March. Between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. two groups of two planes each made a steep glide from an altitude of about 1,000 meters to about 200 meters, each of the planes firing a rocket at a dummy village. Each of the planes made three attacks.

26 March. At 1 p.m., a plane approaching the field twice dropped a bomb at each run from an altitude of about 100 meters.

27 March. Between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., nine individual Il-10s and two groups of two Il-10s each approached the range. They dropped bombs and fired with their aircraft weapons. Visibility was good.

30 March. A formation of five planes approached the range at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and after coming down to an altitude of about 100 meters dropped one bomb from each plane in each of the two attack runs made.

31 March. Nine Il-10s which had arrived in formation of three at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, fired one rocket each from an altitude of 200 meters and subsequently attacked the targets with their aircraft weapons in two runs. After the formation had left the range other such formations approached continuing bomb release and firing practices until 5:30 p.m.

1 April. Bomb release and air-to-ground firing was practiced by Il-10s throughout the day.

4 April. At 7:45 a.m., a formation of five planes approached the range at an altitude of about 1,500 meters and after coming down as far as 200 meters dropped one bomb from each of the planes in horizontal flight. Subsequently, the planes individually attacked ground targets with their aircraft weapons.

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5 April. No activity was observed. At about 8 a.m. [redacted] occupied by 12 men who wore black epaulets proceeded to the range, where duds were collected and subsequently blasted [redacted] at about 2 p.m.

6 April. Between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., groups of four Il-10s each were continuously over the range practicing bomb releases and air-to-ground firing. Weather was fair.

7 April. From 8 a.m. to 5:30 a.m., a formation of five planes practiced bomb release, one bomb being dropped from each of the planes in each of the two low-level attack runs. Weather was overcast at 1,000 meters.

8 April. From 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., bomb release, firing with aircraft weapons and rockets was continuously practiced in rainy weather.

13 April. In the morning, a formation of five planes twice approached the range at an altitude of 1,000 meters. After coming down each of the planes dropped one bomb in low-level flight. The bombs detonated nearly at the same time. Air-to-ground firing and in some cases also the launching of rockets was observed in the course of the day.

14 April. About 9 a.m., two Il-10s fired one rocket each. Subsequently, seven Il-10s approached the field individually at irregular intervals and practiced air-to-ground firing.

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15 April. A truck was seen at the range throughout the day. [redacted] [redacted] It had taken soldiers to the area and [redacted] repair work on the dummies was being performed.

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16 April. After 7:30 p.m., bomb release was practiced by individual planes.

17 and 18 April. Individual Il-10s dropped bombs at intervals of 10 to 15 minutes and subsequently practiced air-to-ground firing.

21 April. After 8:15 p.m., bombs were dropped from an altitude of about 250 meters by planes which had arrived at an altitude of about 2,000 meters. A searchlight was posted near the range.

22 and 23 April. Bomb release and air-to-ground firing was practiced after the usual pattern.

24 April. Formations of five planes each practiced bomb release.¹

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2. In April 1953, the ground targets set up at the range were replaced.

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[redacted] a sketch of the dummies available there.² A temporary telephone line extended from the shed at the edge of the range toward Kuhhorst. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. The Kremmen bomb and target range is used by the regiments of the ground attack division in Doeberitz. [redacted]

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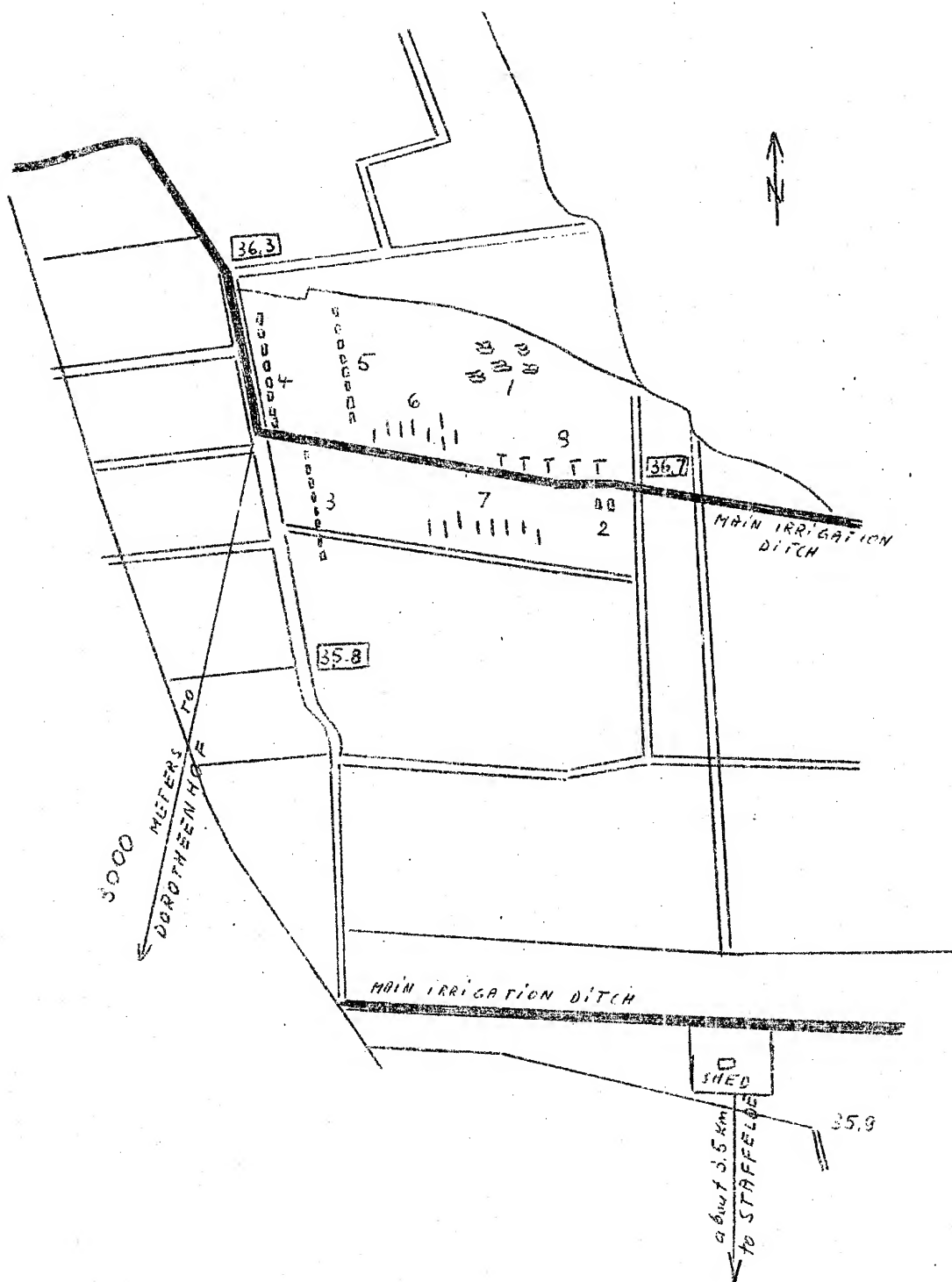
[redacted] b. The report indicates that the ground attack regiments conducted intensive training in bomb release and air-to-ground firing from March through April. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. For sketch of the range with the dummies set up in April, see Annex. Previously, a dummy village, a dummy bridge, and two dummy trucks were available at the range.

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Dummies Set up at the Kremmen Bomb and Target Range.

Legend.

- 1 5 or 6 tanks
- 2 2 trucks
- 3 8 trucks
- 4 8 trucks
- 5 3 trucks
- 6 8 AA guns
- 7 8 AA guns
- 8 5 aircraft

Note: On the 1:25,000 scale map of sheet 3243 the Kremmen range is in the upper right-hand corner.

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